

**DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**  
*Science and Technology Advisory Panel*

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**17 DEC 1980**

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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FROM: STAP Secretariat

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TITLE: DCI's Science and Technology Panel

FUNCTION: See attached.

ANNUAL COST: [REDACTED] The precise amount varies from year to year because of inflation and the number of subjects that the Panel is asked to evaluate.

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MEETINGS: The Panel meets once quarterly. Small subpanels may meet periodically to consider specific topics.

WHAT PRODUCED: Three finished products in 1980:

STIC 80-001, April 1980; Observations on CIA's Efforts in Developing Analytical Methodologies

STIC 80-002, Options for SAFE

STIC 80-003JX, Report of the DCI's Science and Technology Advisory Panel

**Attachments:**

1. STAP Principal Functions
2. STAP Membership List

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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY PANEL

### Principal Functions

1. To recommend initiatives and introduce new thinking on ways to provide early warning of significant S&T developments.
2. To recommend new directions and emphases in S&T collection, processing, and production; as well as to recommend changes in allocations of resources, both manpower and money.
3. To serve as a quality control mechanism; an outside source for objective evaluation of national substantive S&T analysis.
4. To provide new linkages and interactions between the intelligence and non-intelligence communities.
5. To assist in interdisciplinary studies; particularly those broad or new subjects that do not fit neatly into existing structures.
6. To review evidence on existing S&T intelligence "enigmas" and to suggest avenues for solving these unknowns.

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